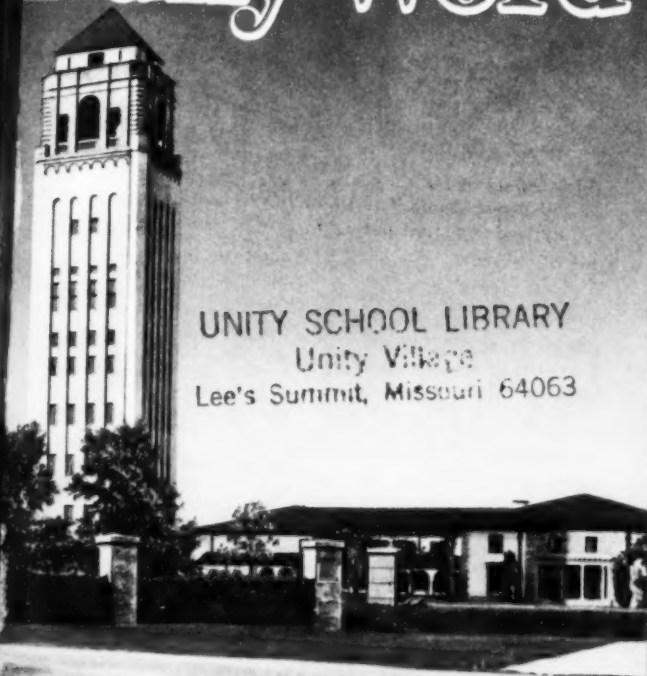


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PRAYER FOR WORLD LEADERS: Through the Christ mind you are unified in thought, purpose, and understanding for the good of all humanity.

JUNE 20 to JULY 19

ILLUMINATION (11 a. m.): I delight to do Thy will, O my God. Thou art my light and my wisdom.

PROSPERITY (12 noon): I delight to do Thy will, O my God. Thou art my almighty resource and my prosperity.

HEALING (9 p. m.): I delight to do Thy will, O my God. Thou art my health and my strength.

JULY 20 to AUG. 19

ILLUMINATION (11 a. m.): I tap the wellspring of God's wisdom, and His guiding light streams through my mind to illumine me.

PROSPERITY (12 noon): I tap the wellspring of God's bounty, and His ever-flowing riches stream forth to prosper me.

HEALING (9 p. m.): I tap the wellspring of God's life, and His perfecting power flows forth to make me whole.

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To Our Readers

A BIRTHDAY is a good time to think about one's blessings, and this is DAILY WORD's twenty-fifth birthday. One of DAILY WORD's greatest blessings is the large family it has acquired, for this is how we think of you, our readers—as a family. We like to think of DAILY WORD as sharing your lives, and we know from the letters you write to us that it does. We like to think that DAILY WORD is something you live with, that its ideas and inspiration are something you live by.

In thousands upon thousands of homes every morning DAILY WORD is as much a part of the breakfast as the food. It would be impossible to estimate the number of persons who slip DAILY WORD into a purse or coat pocket as they leave their home for office or factory, for classroom or store, for shopping trip or journey by rail or air or sea. We like to think of DAILY WORD as being with you where you are, as being a constant source of help and inspiration to you.

We continually ask for inspiration in the preparation of DAILY WORD, and we feel that much of this inspiration comes direct from you. Your prayers, your faith, your constructive thoughts are a blessing to us and a source of enlightenment.

The tremendous increase in the number of sub-

scriptions for DAILY WORD in the last few years shows us that there is a definite trend toward Truth in the world. The fact that four hundred thousand persons now subscribe for DAILY WORD, we feel, is proof of a turn toward right thinking. It is proof that people are becoming more and more aware of the presence of God with them in all things, day by day, moment by moment. It is proof that they are being awakened to the power of their thoughts and words, to the power of constructive living and thinking.

We wanted to make this birthday issue of DAILY WORD a special one in some way. The thought occurred to us that as a birthday blessing we could bring together in one issue the lessons that you have most treasured in past years. The lessons in which the affirmations are printed in red are the lessons that, judged by your letters, have been the most helpful of all to you during the past five years. We know that your love and blessings are with us as we celebrate our birthday, even as our love and blessings are with you.

We give thanks for the years that have passed since DAILY WORD had its beginning. We give thanks for the years ahead, for we feel that a new era of spiritual thinking and living is at hand, an era in which DAILY WORD and the DAILY WORD readers are to play an important part.

Through the Eyes of Others

CLEDA REYNER

RECENTLY a woman told a group of friends something of her childhood. She said her mother had died when she was quite young, leaving a brood of children for her father to rear. Being a musician, he did what to him was a logical thing; he got a musical instrument for each one of his children and trained them all in orchestra work. Then he started touring the country with them. As a result of this there came to the family a multitude of experiences that ran the gamut from humor to pathos. The group to whom the woman told this story listened with relish and appreciation, and for the most part concluded that her life had been one of enviable adventure.

The woman told me afterward that in the telling of this story and at seeing the reaction of her audience she had done something that she had not thought possible. She had quit feeling sorry for the little girl that had been herself, the little girl that for normal childhood experiences had had substituted the precarious life that went with uncertain engagements. She began to think of the knowledge, the ability, the versatility, and the self-reliance her life had called forth. By looking at her childhood through the eyes of her friends

instead of through her own regretful ones, she found much to appreciate.

A great many of life's problems are not dependent for their solution so much upon a change of facts as upon a change of viewpoint. Many a marital complication has been transformed because one or the other or both of the persons involved have been able to acquire a new viewpoint. Many a person has found happiness in his job that heretofore seemed all wrong because he has seen his work, his employer, or his co-workers in a new light. Enemies have been turned into friends merely by his looking upon them in terms of a new insight gained in one way or another. Incredibly often another person's opinion clarifies our thought and straightens our reasoning. Though within ourselves all of us have infinite resources of wisdom, love, and understanding to draw upon for the solution to our problems, we have never drawn upon them in such measure that we have been enabled to see life at its fullest and best.

Through a little girl's eyes I looked at a nondescript little dog that I had heretofore considered an ugly little nuisance and changed my feeling about him. My particular aversion to him was the result of his carrying tin cans and bones from other people's garbage cans into my yard and leaving them there. One day close to my window his

little girl owner passed with him in her arms, and she was saying, "You are such a sweet little, good little dog; and I love you so much." Just seeing the little dog through her eyes helped me to see something of what she saw, and I was thereafter able to clean up after him with better grace.

By the process of thinking man has evolved from a state of complete subjection to the environment to a state of partial dominion over the conditions of his life. By thinking man will evolve to full dominion and a life of happiness, health, peace, and prosperity. But he cannot work at this project alone. There is no such thing as a self-made man, someone has rightly said, and an analysis of any well-rounded life will reveal many helping hands and many constructive influences; it will reveal an open pathway to and from the hearts of many people.

The treasure that our neighbor holds in his heart may as well enrich ours. He wants to share it with us even as we would share our inner wealth with him. But the exchange that would be so profitable to both depends upon the freedom that we make each other feel. This inner self of us with its convictions, its faiths, its love, and its tastes and wonderings is seldom if ever fully known. People in the closest association more often than not miss the joy of true communion with one another.

There is no more chilling experience than attempting to share a cherished thought and having it treated with indifference, ridicule, or scorn. There is no more warming experience than having our thought received with love and interest. If our friends could know in advance that we would of a certainty give them a warm response they could say many things that must otherwise remain locked up in their inner selves.

A little boy once learned something about his new pet terrapin that we all need to know about one another. He was eager to know, and he grew impatient for the head and the legs to come forth from inside the shell. He was all ready to see what he could do with a stick when his father said, "No, that isn't the way to do it, Son. He will come out by himself when he feels that his environment is friendly enough. Let's place him close to the hearth so that he can feel its warmth." The little boy doubtfully complied with the suggestion, and in a matter of a very few minutes out came the terrapin's legs and its head, and out of the experience came a lesson that the little boy carried into manhood and applied to human relations.

No amount of prodding can open the door of a heart. The warmth of understanding love is the thing that does it. Love, like a magic touch, swings it wide.

They Made a Contract with God

LOWELL FILLMORE

Son of the Founders of Unity School of Christianity

A condensation of an article that appeared in Guideposts

MY MEMORY carries me back to the time when I was a little boy living with my mother, father, little brother, and grandmother in a house out on Wabash Avenue in Kansas City, Missouri. I did not realize then that my mother's health was in a very critical condition. I knew that my father was lame and wore one boot that had a lift some four or five inches high fastened to the sole, because I used to put it on and hobble around just for fun. I knew that Mother did not do much of the housework and that my grandmother helped take care of us boys and did the cooking. I have been told since that my mother was in the advanced stages of tuberculosis and that the doctors had given her only a few months to live.

Mother seemed always cheerful and helpful, but there came a time when she seemed to grow more cheerful. People from the neighborhood began coming in to see her. She explained to me that she was praying for them.

It was not until later that I understood what had

happened to change Mother from a sickly person to one who was well and strong and able to help others. It seems that she had been the youngest member of a large family that lived in a little town in Ohio, and they were all devout church members. She had always been very religious but had believed that she inherited tuberculosis from her earthly parents, because several members of her family had succumbed to this disease. She thought that it was God's will for her to be resigned.

She and Father attended a course of lectures given by an out-of-town speaker. This lecturer brought out the idea that God is a loving Father and that it is not His will that His children be sick or suffer. It became clear to her that if God was in truth her Father she did not need to inherit disease from her earthly parents. She then remembered that Jesus had said: "Call no man your father on the earth: for one is your father, *even* he who is in heaven." Thus a new hope and faith were inspired in her heart, and being very sincere in her belief in prayer, she began giving thanks to her loving Father for her heritage of health. She realized that she could not possibly have inherited tuberculosis from Him. This filled her with such a spirit of enthusiasm and understanding of God's life and love that she daily grew stronger. Al-

though one of her lungs was supposed to have been utterly useless when the doctor examined her, she no longer worried about that condition. She lived happily for more than fifty years after that.

My father, Charles Fillmore, had not been particularly religious, but he was a very practical man. At the time of Mother's healing he was in the real-estate business in Kansas City. The very fact that Mother had discovered a religion that was practical for daily use attracted his attention. He began to study the Bible and other religious writings, and attended lectures on metaphysics. He spent a great deal of time in prayer and silent meditation, and many things were revealed to him. By patient prayer and meditation he was able to fill out and lengthen the withered leg, which had not grown since he was twelve years of age, so that he was able to wear an ordinary shoe on that foot, and he no longer needed to carry a cane. The leg trouble had begun with something that was at first diagnosed as rheumatism and that gradually developed into tuberculosis of the hip. His health was now improved, and he overcame a catarrhal condition that had been a handicap to him since childhood.

He was aware of the presence of God with him as he worked, and he decided to give up his real-estate business and give full time to God's work. He and my mother wrote out a covenant between

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Charles Fillmore
Myrtle Fillmore

themselves and God in which they agreed that they would devote themselves and all they possessed and ever expected to possess to God's work, and accept in return His love and backing. A facsimile of this covenant in my father's handwriting accompanies this article.

Because Mother and Father believed that God did the healing work, it was impossible for them to put a price on it, and they decided to give their prayers free of charge to all who asked and to accept love offerings for their service, and they gave whether such requests were accompanied by offerings or not. The prayer and educational work begun by them has since encircled the globe, and although my father and mother are no longer with us in the flesh, the movement that they started is growing rapidly and is helping millions of persons.

This work is known as Unity and is described as practical Christianity. My father and mother never claimed to teach anything new. They simply applied the truths taught in the Bible, especially the teachings of Jesus, in a very practical way. Father and Mother believed that teachers are necessary only to help the student find his inner Christ so that the Spirit of truth can reveal all truth to him. "God is no respecter of persons," and each follower of Christ must ultimately find the Truth of God within himself.

JULY 1

Friday

I HAVE UNSHAKABLE FAITH IN THE PERFECT OUTCOME OF EVERY SITUATION IN MY LIFE, FOR I KNOW THAT GOD IS IN ABSOLUTE CONTROL.

IS THERE a seeming problem in your life, dear friend, that is causing you much concern? Have all your efforts and prayers met with little or no response? Do not be discouraged and do not be afraid, for God loves you, and He is taking care of everything. God is in complete charge of your life, and God is good. His mighty transforming power is surging through your entire being, stilling your mind, harmonizing your soul, healing your body, and adjusting all your affairs. Believe this! Anchor your trust deep in the realization that with God all things are immediately possible and never doubt it for a single moment.

Know yourself to be a spiritual being, endowed with the limitless and all-powerful attributes of Jesus Christ. God's wisdom is guiding you to the perfect solution. His strength is enabling you to perform your tasks victoriously. His joy is lightening your heart with expectancy. His courage is firing you with persistence.

♣ *I am with thee to deliver thee.*—JER. 1:8.

Saturday

JULY 2

GOD FORGIVETH ALL MINE INIQUITIES, AND
HEALETH ALL MY DISEASES.

DEAR Father-God, I come to Thee in faith and love that I may see Thy healing manifest in me. I now am loving, calm, and kind; I now have peace in heart and mind; I now can see, who once was blind.

My Father-God, from Thy great store of love untold I see outpour forgiveness that I need, and more. And I who have been full of grief, rejoice in Thee who art relief, for Thou hast healed mine unbelief.

Because Thou hast forgiven me and freed me from iniquity, my health now springs forth speedily. To Thee my joyful songs upswell, for Thou hast healed me. I am well in mind and body, every cell made perfect. Now I magnify Thy name, O Father. Glorify Thyself in me, and I will praise Thy holy name through all the days. By Thee I am blessed in countless ways.

*Bless Jehovah, O my soul,
And forget not all his benefits:
Who forgiveth all thine iniquities;
Who healeth all thy diseases;
Who redeemeth thy life from destruction.*

—PSALMS 103:2-4.

JULY 3

Sunday

I AM NEVER ALONE, FOR THE FATHER IS WITH ME.

YOU ARE never alone, for God is with you. You are securely infolded in His love, and underneath are the everlasting arms. You cannot be separated from God's loving, healing presence, for God is everywhere.

God is not only with you and about you, but His Spirit is within you. God is your life. God is your intelligence. God is the incorruptible substance out of which you have been formed. His was the breath of life breathed into your soul in the beginning, and it is the same life-giving breath that now and eternally animates your being.

Do not be afraid, discouraged, or unhappy, but relax in the realization of your inseparable closeness to God. Remind yourself that you never walk alone, for as your Father God cares for you, as your shepherd He guides you every step of your way, and as your friend His loving watchfulness and help never fails.

*Whither shall I go from thy Spirit?
Or whither shall I flee from thy presence?
If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there.*

—PSALMS 139:7, 8.

Monday

JULY 4

I KNOW MYSELF TO BE A CHILD OF GOD. ACCEPTING THIS HERITAGE I AM UNFETTERED.
I AM FREE.

DO YOU WANT to be free? There is a way of freedom. It is the way of acceptance—not acceptance of that which is less than perfect but acceptance of the knowledge that as a child of God you are now free.

When a person feels himself bound to a habit, to an appetite, or to a person, he usually does not think of himself as accepting bondage; he feels that he cannot help himself. He does not think of himself as agreeing to be a party to an erroneous habit or a false appetite or to the domination of his life by another person.

If you have accepted bondage in any form, take the stand that you accept your freedom. That person is free who realizes that each day is a new beginning, that if each habit is of his own making, it is likewise of his own breaking; that if he has been bound because he has accepted a weak thought of himself, he can be free through accepting a strong thought of himself. He can know himself to be a son of God, divinely free.

✿ *Now are we children of God.*—I JOHN 3:2.

JULY 5

Tuesday

GOD IS WITH ME, AND GOD CANNOT FAIL.

"BE STRONG and of good courage, and do it . . . for Jehovah God, even my God, is with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."

"Be strong." "Do it." "God is with thee." If there is something you long to do, some overcoming you long to make, take these words of David to his son Solomon as your guide, for they cover the three primary requirements for accomplishing any end or purpose—a courageous heart, the will to act, and faith in God's presence and help.

One of the most important parts of this piece of advice is "Do it." Sometimes all we need to do to establish in ourselves a feeling of confidence is to take some action in the outer. We may have let fear hold us back, but even one small effort on our part can free us from the fear that has seemed to hold us powerless. And we find that when we have the courage and the will to act we are given help in inner and outer ways whenever, wherever, and however that help is needed.

♣ *Be strong and of good courage, and do it.*—I CHRON. 28:20.

Wednesday

JULY 6

LET LIBERTY, JUSTICE, RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND PEACE BE ESTABLISHED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST.

UNITY BELIEVES in affirming the truth in the face of appearances to the contrary. Even though we hear reports about world conditions that are negative, our part as DAILY WORD readers is to decree continually that liberty, justice, righteousness, and peace are being established.

In all men, in all nations the Spirit of God is present. We can call forth this Spirit through prayer, we can quicken the Spirit of truth through prayer. Prayer can reach to the corners of the earth, for prayer knows no limitations of time or space, prayer knows no limitations of language or custom, prayer knows no barriers of race or creed.

Every day we pray for peace here at Unity, and we know that you are praying with us. Peace is really a state of mind after all, and it can be achieved by individuals and by nations. What we want for ourselves—liberty, justice, righteousness, and peace—we want for all people, and to this end we pray.

✱ *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and to-day.*—HEB. 13:8.

JULY 7

Thursday

LOVINGLY IN THE HANDS OF THE FATHER I
PLACE MYSELF, MY LOVED ONES, AND MY
AFFAIRS.

QUIETLY I rest in this thought: "Lovingly in the hands of the Father." I place myself in His loving care, knowing that He loves me and approves of me. I am not bound by care or burden. I am not alone. I am free, for He is my strength and help in every need. I am His child, and I rest lovingly in His protection and rely on His guidance.

"Lovingly in the hands of the Father I place my loved ones." With relief and confidence I let go of all worry or anxious thought about my loved ones as I place them and all their needs lovingly in His hands. He is closer to them than I, and He knows just what to do for them. So I place them in His protection, knowing that wherever they are God is.

"Lovingly in the hands of the Father I place my affairs." Confidently I relax and know that my need of home, work, companionship, and supply rests with Him. His love and His power bring my own to me.

✻ *Show thy marvellous lovingkindness.*—PSALMS 17:7.

Friday

JULY 8

FATHER WITHIN ME, I THANK THEE WITH
ALL MY BEING FOR THINE INFINITE GOOD-
NESS TO ME.

FATHER-GOD, I thank Thee for the glorious realization that Thou art indeed a healing and harmonizing power eternally present.

I thank Thee for this universe and for Thy great directing intelligence that keeps all things in divine equilibrium. I thank Thee for this earth, the good, sweet air, the trees, the sunsets, birds, and gentle rains. I thank Thee for shelter, for food, for all the comforts of life, and for the infinite supply that constantly sustains me. For health, for peace of mind, for happiness, I am most grateful.

I thank Thee for my friends and dear ones, those whom Thou hast given me to love and cherish. I am thankful for the infinite patience, love, and faithfulness they show to me.

Help me to live so close to Thee, dear God, so much at one with Thee, that others may feel Thy healing radiance and be quickened, even as I, with the joy of wondrous thanksgiving.

✿ *Father, I thank thee that thou heardest me.*—JOHN 11:41.

JULY 9

Saturday

TODAY IS MY DAY. I ACCEPT IT, I RESPECT IT, I BLESS IT. TODAY IS A DAY OF GOOD TIDINGS.

TODAY IS THE fulfillment of the promise made by yesterday; today is the foundation for the happiness of tomorrow. Today is your day! Today is a day for health, happiness, peace, prosperity, success, growth, change, and thanksgiving. Today is your opportunity to give expression to the God life, God love, God light, God peace, God power, God substance that you know is your **heritage**.

Let us not procrastinate. Let us not put today's joys off until tomorrow. Today's need for happiness is today's assurance that the source of happiness is at hand. Today is sufficient unto itself. Today is blessed and a blessing. Let it bring us fulfillment. Let it reward us with the good of the present moment.

"This is a day of good tidings." This day is a day of healing, of plenty and peace; this is the day of success and security. This day is the day of good tidings sung from the hearts of men into the world of men.

✱ *I have set before thee this day life and good . . . choose life, that thou mayest live.*—DEUT. 30:15, 19.

Sunday

JULY 10

GOD HAS PREPARED A PLACE FOR ME TO LIVE
WHERE I CAN BE SATISFIED, HAPPY, AND
CONTENT.

HAVE YOU been trying to find a place to live and meeting with failure and discouragement? If you will withdraw your faith from the idea that a place to live is difficult to find and put your faith in the idea that God knows your need of proper living quarters, you will be led unerringly to the place that will meet your requirements.

With God there are no insoluble problems. Nothing is beyond the scope of His help. As you go forward in your search for a home, take the necessary outer steps you feel led to take. However do not rely on your own knowledge or your own understanding alone, but trust in God to help you.

Your faith that God has prepared a place for you to live where you can be satisfied, happy, and content will open the way for your good to be made manifest.

*Lord, thou hast been our dwelling-place
In all generations.*

—PSALMS 90:1.

JULY 11

Monday

I FAIRLY SIZZLE WITH ZEAL AND ENTHUSIASM,
AND I SPRING FORTH WITH A MIGHTY FAITH
TO DO THE THINGS THAT OUGHT TO BE DONE
BY ME.

THIS IS an affirmation that was found among Charles Fillmore's papers. This affirmation was written by him in a strong, clear hand at the age of ninety-four. It seemed to us that this is a good thought for any one of us to take. The very repeating of it gives one a feeling of renewal, a sense of power to accomplish. All of us want more life, we want to accomplish the things we set out to do, and sometimes we need to stir ourselves into action by appropriating a strong and live thought.

Today, whatever is before you to do, think of yourself as fairly sizzling with zeal and enthusiasm to accomplish it. The power in you that gives you life and energy is the power of God Himself. At any time you can align yourself with this power, you can bestir yourself, you can break the bonds of habit, the feeling of lethargy or despair, and wake up to new purpose, new zest, new life.

✿ *Wherefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature: the old things are passed away.—II COR. 5:17.*



Deep

JAMES DILLET FREEMAN

There are deeps in the mind no thought has sounded,
Unknown seas of the soul; far-off unrounded
Wild capes of spirit perilous and pounded
By tide and tempest; continents of fact
No voyager has set foot on, sent back
Word for the world to follow, where no track
Marks the known way; beyond the rim of thought
Lie worlds hope charts not, vision has not caught,
Uncertain, unimagined, still unsought.

We were not meant for bays and shallows, for
Safe sailing never out of sight of shore—
Men, mariners, oh, we were meant for more!
Ours are the deeps, the seas we do not know,
The seas where none before has dared to go,
The seas of faith where only strange winds blow.
Leaving known landfalls for the fainterhearted,
To seek the undiscovered, the uncharted—
Where the last voyage ended, there let ours be started!



Tuesday

JULY 12

I RISE OUT OF ANY FEELING OF DISAPPOINTMENT, FOR MY EXPECTATION IS FROM GOD.

WHEN WE have a feeling of disappointment, a sense of having been "let down" about something or someone, it is a good idea to analyze our thinking. What are we actually disappointed about? In most cases we shall discover that our disappointment arises because some circumstance or some person did not live up to *our* expectations.

We can rise above disappointment, we can even come to the point where we do not experience it, if we will let go of some of our personal ideas, plans, and opinions about persons and situations and will take the stand that God is at work in all and through all. There can be no disappointment when our expectation is from God rather than from man. When we trust the Spirit of God in all persons, even in those who we feel have failed us, we lose the feeling of personal hurt; we feel free and happy in ourselves, and we want all other persons to be free.

*My soul, wait thou in silence for God only:
For my expectation is from him.*

—PSALMS 62:5.

JULY 13

Wednesday

ALL CHANGE AND ADVANCEMENT IN MY LIFE
IS PERFECTLY TIMED, PERFECTLY TUNED, AND
HARMONIZED IN DIVINE ORDER AND GOOD
WILL.

IF YOU CONTEMPLATE a change or seem to be having one thrust upon you, remember that when one door closes there is always another one opening for you. Let God work through you to bring about the right adjustment at the right time. It is only when you place all your affairs in God's hands and let go of all fear, worry, and striving that God can do His work through you. Only then can God's good will for you be done. Only then can the door be quietly closed upon your present circumstances and the way be opened for you to the right work, the right place, to whatever you need to fill your life with good.

Remember that God's ways are higher than your ways, that His ways are wonderful, unfailing, always good. Your life and affairs are in perfect harmony and in divine order in God's sight, and you can willingly let go and let Him guide and govern you.

• *Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.*—DEUT. 28:6.

Thursday

JULY 14

I AM NEVER DISCOURAGED, FOR I TRUST THE SPIRIT OF GOD IN ME, AND I KNOW THAT GOD CANNOT FAIL.

NO MATTER how difficult the problems in your life may seem to be, never lose heart, for all things are possible to God, and the Spirit of God is within you. God is your friend, and it is His sole concern to help you in every possible way. If you have fallen He will lift you to your feet and set you on your way with renewed hope. If you feel lost He will light your darkened mind and guide you into paths of peace. Where there is sickness He will heal. Where there is fear He will still the tempest.

This requires much persistence and standing careful guard at the door of your mind; but the Master assures us that the one who endures to the end desired, the same shall be saved; and remember that you do not have to work alone. God is helping you. When you are perplexed as to what your next step is to be, feeling that you have exhausted every possibility, turn within to His wisdom, quietly listen to Him, and help will come to you.

✿ *Be not dismayed, for I am thy God.*—ISA. 41:10.

JULY 15

Friday

THE TRANSFORMING PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN
ME, ILLUMINES MY MIND, HEALS MY BODY,
AND PURIFIES MY SOUL.

I AM INSPIRED, instructed, and guided in the smallest details of my life by the transforming presence of Christ in me. Whenever I am perplexed in any way I wait trustingly for the answer that I know I shall receive.

My body abounds in the healing life of Christ. I know that this life is now dissolving all impurities, harmonizing all my organs, and regulating all my bodily functions. His peace suffuses my nervous system, His love normalizes all my glands. His strength is the eternal framework of my body. From the marrow of my bones to the tissues of my skin I am cleansed, renewed, and made whole.

My soul is aglow with the purifying light of Christ. All accumulation of negative ideas, useless habits of thought, or feelings of unforgiveness, are now being redeemed and healed in the glorious and transforming light of His indwelling presence.

*Jehovah is my light and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear?*

—PSALMS 27:1.

Saturday

JULY 16

GOD IN THE MIDST OF ME STRENGTHENS,
COMFORTS, AND UPLIFTS ME.

THANK YOU, God, for the gift of strength You have given me. I know that it is a quiet courage that can meet every demand.

Thank You, God, for Your never-failing comfort. I know that Your hand is ever outstretched to guide me, that Your love is there to warm me, and that the light of Your wisdom will lead me through any darkness I may encounter.

Thank you, God, for showing me how to permeate my life with the peacefulness of my prayer time with You. From communing with Your spirit of calmness and poise, I go forth competent to deal with all that life demands of me. With Your gift of strength deep within me, my heart has no room for fear. I am filled with the glowing radiance of Your love.

Thank You, God, for Your presence ever with me. Each day I shall mount higher because You are with me. Each day I shall be of greater service to mankind because in You I have found the true meaning of bravery, the bravery of spirit that comes from knowing You and trusting You.

✿ *The LORD is my strength.*—PSALMS 28:7 (A. V.).

JULY 17

Sunday

I TURN TO GOD WITH MY PROBLEMS, FOR I KNOW THAT HE WILL GUIDE ME IN THEIR SOLUTION.

IT IS NOT necessary for anyone to be borne down in the turmoil and struggle with problems that seemingly have no answer. God gladly lends His wisdom, His guidance, His love to their solution if we will only seek Him.

When we become quiet right answers come, and with God's help, when we act with courage and the necessary strength and kindness, we can meet even the greatest problems.

There is no need to battle the storms of despair, to be torn by doubts and fears, to fall by the roadside in weakness. With God's aid we can go forward in life's procession meeting our challenges and doing all that is expected of us.

Too often we wait until the last flicker of courage flows from us before we seek God. In the beginning He is there, and He will walk with us all the way.

God is the answer; from Him comes the light that points the way.

☛ *Cast thy burden upon Jehovah, and he will sustain thee.*—PSALMS 55:22.

Monday

JULY 18

THE DIVINE DESIGN OF MY LIFE IS NOW REVEALED TO ME.

BURIED DEEP in the soul of every living being is the divine design of his life that he has come on earth to fulfill. God has a beautiful purpose for every individual, the fulfillment of which gives that infinite satisfaction which each one instinctively knows is his inherent birthright. Life is not meant to be a haphazard thing. The reason that life is so unsatisfying to many persons is that they have failed to uncover the divine design of their life and hence have failed to realize the fullness of satisfaction that life is meant to give.

Begin today to affirm, "The divine design of my life is now revealed to me." Take a few moments daily to become quiet and repeat these words prayerfully, thoughtfully. Do not become discouraged if you cannot see a divine design to your life, but keep your mind open to spiritual light and inspiration and you will awaken to a new vision of yourself, a new conception of life; your life will take on new meaning and purpose.

✿ *Now are we children of God, and it is not yet made manifest what we shall be.*—I JOHN 3:2.

JULY 19

Tuesday

GUIDE ME, GOD, THAT I MAY KNOW WHAT
TO DO AND WHERE TO GO. GUIDE ME, GOD,
THROUGH THIS DAY IN YOUR GOOD AND
HAPPY WAY.

HAVE YOU ever found that when formulat-
ing a prayer to use for something spec-
ific the words came in rhyme? The
prayer for today seemed to sing itself into being.
"Guide me, God, that I may know what to do
and where to go." What to do and where to go
are questions in many minds connected with work,
schooling, home building, buying, selling, politics,
marriage, and countless other things. What better
guidance have we than God's? What better direc-
tion have we than His divine direction?

The second part of our prayer, "Guide me, God,
through this day in your good and happy way,"
helps us to realize that we must live in the pres-
ent, that we must look for and find our blessings
today. It brings us the assurance too that we can
pray for God's guidance, knowing that it will
not mean sacrifice and hardship but pleasure and
fulfillment.

☛ *Whoso trusteth in Jehovah, happy is he.*—PROV.
16:20.

Wednesday

JULY 20

I TAP THE WELLSPRING OF GOD'S WISDOM, AND HIS GUIDING LIGHT STREAMS THROUGH MY MIND TO ILLUMINE ME.—UNITY ILLUMINATION THOUGHT.

WITH THE wisdom of God to guide us, we need never feel at a loss as regards any situation we may face; we need never feel unequal to any demand that may be made upon us.

When we try to work out our human difficulties in accordance with what we conceive to be right and good, we may instead of arriving at a satisfactory solution to them cause them to become even more involved. In such a case it is best for us to desist from our purely human efforts to solve the difficulties and seek the counsel of divine wisdom before proceeding further.

Through prayer we can tap the infinite well-spring of divine wisdom. We need not beg or implore God, for His loving presence within us knows our need. He waits for us to turn to Him. When we open our consciousness to Him His guiding light streams into our mind, and we receive the wisdom that we need.

✻ *My soul waiteth in silence for God.*—PSALMS 62:1.

JULY 21

Thursday

I TAP THE WELLSPRING OF GOD'S BOUNTY,
AND HIS EVER-FLOWING RICHES STREAM
FORTH TO PROSPER ME.—UNITY PROSPERITY
THOUGHT.

NO MATTER what may be the state of your affairs, rejoice in the assurance that God is the source of your prosperity and that His ever-flowing riches stream forth to bless and prosper you.

Even if you seem to have an ample supply of funds, you need to sow the seed for continued prosperity by giving thanks to God for His ever-present bounty. If your funds do not seem sufficient for your needs, open your mind to new ideas. Know that in the mind of God you are rich, that His ever-flowing riches now stream forth to prosper you.

Do not let any outer condition turn your thought away from the truth that God is your instant, constant, and abundant supply. Even if it seems that your funds are wholly depleted, deny instantly the fact that you lack any good thing and affirm your faith in God as the source of your supply.

✿ *The wellspring of wisdom is as a flowing brook.*
—PROV. 18:4.

Friday

JULY 22

I TAP THE WELLSPRING OF GOD'S LIFE, AND HIS PERFECTING POWER FLOWS FORTH TO MAKE ME WHOLE.—UNITY HEALING THOUGHT.

HOW DO we tap the wellspring of God's life? By recognizing Him as the source of all life, by increasing our faith in His power to heal and restore, by accepting His perfecting power that makes us whole and well.

It is never God's will that any of His children be sick. If we have a health problem it is evidence that somehow, somewhere we have lost contact with the wellspring of divine life that flows in and through us. God's life is like a powerful current with which we make contact through our faith and receptivity.

Declare your oneness with the life of God by saying in the silence of your soul: "Father, I am one with Thy life. It touches, awakens, vitalizes, restores, and heals me. I thank and praise Thee for vibrant, abundant life and strength."

Receive now the free gift of God's life. It flows forth to make you whole and well in every part.

✿ *Understanding is a wellspring of life unto him that bath it.*—PROV. 16:22.

JULY 23

Saturday

THIS DAY GOD NEEDS ME AS A CHANNEL THROUGH WHICH HE CAN EXPRESS HIS LOVING-KINDNESS TO ALL WHO COME MY WAY.

TODAY I will be kind in thought, word, and deed. I will endeavor to bring only joy, peace, and love into the lives of others. I will be kind not only to my friends who seek me out, but I will remember to keep myself lovingly sensitive to the needs of those who timidly stand apart; for God does not want any soul to feel alone.

When another makes a mistake I will not condemn him in my thought or with outer signs of displeasure. But I will act toward him as I would have him act toward me if I were in his place. If words of correction seem advisable I will speak in a kindly tone of voice.

When others are irritable I will not add fuel to their fire by responding irritably, but I will think of Christ so that my thoughts of Him may imbue all my words and actions.

I will give constantly of the best that is in me to all without exception.

✱ *He who loves God should love his brother also.—I JOHN 4:21 (A. S. V.).*

Sunday

JULY 24

AS I LOOK TO GOD, THE GIVER OF ALL UNDERSTANDING AND PEACE, MY HEART IS COMFORTED AND FILLED WITH FAITH.

THERE IS never an instant in all eternity when a heart is outside the loving ministrations of God. When a person is meeting some desolating experience in life it may be difficult for him to feel God's nearness and to believe in His care. But God is alive in the heart always and forever. Every instant He is giving love, giving assurance, giving comfort.

How wonderful it is when a troubled heart is so well acquainted with the Spirit of God in its midst that it can turn in gentle acceptance and receive healing ministrations!

It is God who gives satisfying answers to the questions in the heart. It is God who reveals the true meanings and values in life and experience. It is God who dries tears, who stills the mind, who stirs the heart to new vision and new faith.

God is in your heart. Have faith in Him. Accept His comfort, His guidance, His support.

✱ *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort.*
—II COR. 1:3.

JULY 25

Monday

I BELIEVE THAT THE DIVINE LAW OF JUSTICE IS NOW ACTIVE IN MY LIFE, REGULATING ALL MY AFFAIRS AND MAKING ME SECURE IN THAT WHICH IS MY OWN.

"FOR JEHOVAH is a God of justice." When you can accept this truth with all your mind and heart, when you can realize that a just God is governing all your affairs, you will no longer give the thought of man-made injustice any power in your life. If you are facing a situation that seems to you to be unfair or unjust, place it in God's hands and acknowledge that His power is adjusting it.

Do not become impatient or discouraged if appearances seem to be against you, but strengthen your faith in the law of divine justice and patiently await the outworking of good.

Refuse to accept the belief that your good can be kept from you by any person or circumstance, and steadfastly acknowledge that God's law is in operation in your life and affairs.

As you are faithful, justice will surely prevail, and you will be secure in that which is your own.

* *For Jehovah is a God of justice; blessed are all they that wait for him.*—ISA. 30:18.

Tuesday

JULY 26

I TRUST THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST IN ME TO RESURRECT MY ENTIRE BEING FROM EVERY SENSE OF LIMITATION.

AS FOR MY life, I do not set any limits to its unfoldment or possibilities, but I make myself open and receptive to the limitless possibilities of the Christ within my soul. I believe that it is the will of God to express His perfection through me even to the degree that He expressed it through Jesus, and so I let go of all thoughts of doubt and limitation that say this is impossible.

Every time I am tempted to believe that living the Christ life and overcoming all selfishness is too difficult a task I remind myself that I can do all things through Christ. The wisdom that guided Jesus to complete resurrection is the same Spirit that is in me, and when I trust with never a doubt it will guide me unfailingly from darkness into perfect spiritual awareness.

O loving Father within me, I surrender my entire being to you. I trust myself to the resurrecting activity of your indwelling power. I am willing to be transformed into the Christ likeness.

✿ *I am the vine, ye are the branches.*—JOHN 15:5.

JULY 27

Wednesday

WHEREVER I AM GOD IS, AND I AM ALWAYS
ONE WITH HIS PEACE AND POWER.

“THE LORD bless thee and keep thee:
The LORD make his face shine upon
thee, and be gracious unto thee:

The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee,
and give thee peace.”

Meditate upon this as your blessing for today. Think what these words mean to you. “The LORD bless thee and keep thee.” You are blessed, you are kept from feelings of fear and insecurity by your indwelling Lord.

“The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.” Those who look upon your face see the light of Spirit shining through; those who know you feel the love and gracious spirit of the Lord that motivates you.

“The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.” The Lord lifts your spirits; His presence ever with you fills you with courage and stability and the realization that all is well. You are at peace because you continually dwell in the security and serenity of His presence.

✿ *The LORD bless thee and keep thee . . . and give thee peace.*—NUM. 6:24, 26 (A. V.).

Thursday

JULY 28

THE JOY OF THE LORD FILLS ME NOW.

EVEN AS YOU speak these words, "The joy of the Lord fills me now," you may know that someone in Silent Unity is praying with you, giving thanks that the joy of the Lord is made full in you.

Joy is one of the most blessed of all the Christ gifts. His joy includes the joy of perfect health, wealth, love, and understanding. Without joy, none of these is ever experienced in its fullness.

So long as a single unhappy heart remains the joy of Jesus Christ is not made full in the world; His love has not been completely accepted, His faith is not being perfectly used, His healing, comforting, uplifting power is not being freely utilized. Very definitely joy is given a large place in the gospel of Jesus Christ. Very definitely His joy should find a warm welcome in, a clear outlet through, every life.

Think of the joy of the healed, the freed, the forgiven, the blessed, the loved! Such is the joy of Christ in you. Such is the completeness of your joy in Him.

✿ *Break forth into joy, sing together. . . . for Jehovah hath comforted his people.—ISA. 52:9.*

JULY 29

Friday

I LET GO OF ALL MENTAL EFFORT TO HEAL
AND QUIETLY TRUST THE FATHER IN ME TO
DO THE WORK.

NO MATTER what the situation that confronts me, I remind myself that only in deep inner quietness can I experience the healing power of Spirit in its fullness. I do not try to lift my consciousness by sheer mental effort, for as I let go of tension by calmly thinking of His indwelling presence I find that I quickly rise to the radiant atmosphere of Christ, where healing automatically takes place.

I repeat my affirmations not with the strained sense of trying to make them come true but with the quiet conviction that they are true eternally. When I relax all tensions by centering my thought in His loving presence, the divine energies already within me release their healing activity throughout every part of my mind and body, making me every whit whole. I do not struggle, I do not resist, but every moment I rest confident in the realization that my indwelling Christ is now taking care of everything.

✿ *In quietness and confidence shall be your strength.*
—ISA. 30:15.

Saturday

JULY 30

NO PERSON OR THING CAN HARM ME, FOR I
ABIDE UNDER THE "SHADOW OF THE AL-
MIGHTY."

WHEREVER YOU ARE today, at home or abroad, you move under the "shadow of the Almighty."

You do not have to wait until God guides someone else to safety before He can come to your side; you have your own indwelling Spirit, who is with you every moment and whose sole mission is to love and care for you. Likewise the person beside you or in some other country has his own indwelling Spirit, a part of the great source, God. Each of you is protected and cared for through your recognition of this mighty power. Should thoughts of fear come to you remember that God can cast out fear if you ask Him, that He is closer to you than breathing. He can and does fill you with courage. He inspires you with good judgment and wisdom, qualities that have much to do with your protection. Claim your protection now by realizing God's presence with you; press on to the day's activities confident of His care, His guidance.

☛ *Abide under the shadow of the Almighty.*—PSALMS 91:1.

JULY 31

Sunday

I AM INCREASINGLY AWARE OF THE CHRIST
IN THE MIDST OF ME.

“**H**E MUST increase, but I must decrease.”
If we feel too self-important we need to remember that the ego must decrease in order that the Christ may increase in us.

We need to feel confident and assured but humble too in the knowledge that we are learning and growing. We of ourselves can do nothing, but the Christ in us gives us power to do all things. The self that we need to praise and magnify is the Christ self, the spiritual self.

We shall not be self-centered or egotistical when we think of ourselves as living in God, as drawing upon His Spirit for power and inspiration.

We are important to God and so is everyone else. We have the power of God in us and so has everyone else. Our part is to be; to express our divine self naturally and without display. We need not try to build ourselves up in anyone else's sight. What we are in Spirit is so wonderful that it is always recognized and appreciated when we let it find expression.

✱ *He must increase, but I must decrease.*—JOHN 3:30.

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